

Sinclair
Broadcasting's
decision to force my
local station, WSYX
Columbus, to air the
anti-Kerry
documentary "Stolen
Honor", 11 days
before the election
is a prime example
of the dangers of
media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the
public airwaves free
of charge, and is
obligated by law to
serve the public
interest. But when
large companies
control the
airwaves, we get
more of what's good
for the bottom line
and less of what we
need for our
democracy. Instead
of something
produced at "News
Central" far away,
it's more important
that we see real
people from our own
communities and more
substantive news
about issues that
matter.

I have wanted to
address my
complaints directly
to WSYX but they
defer me to
Sinclair. Obviously,
the local station is
NOT operating in the
public interest but
is a shell for the
agenda of the owner.

This would be like
NBC forcing WCMH
Columbus, which is
owned by NBC, to air
Fahrenheit 9/11
instead of their
Thursday night line
up.

They show why the
license renewal
process needs to
involve more than a
returned postcard.
Thank you.